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for James E. Coleman, Major USAF
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WEEKLY DIARY ITEMS - IRREP

29 Oct Through 4 Nov 1959

(U) Procurement of ABLE-STAR Booster

The Source Selection Board has recommended a source to the Commanders of AFMND and AFMNC. Approval of the source is expected by 5 or 6 November 1959. A purchase request is in process and is expected in the Buying Office within a few days after a source is approved. The target date for award of a letter contract remains, 15 November 1959.

(U) Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc.

1. (U) The Contractor returned signed L/C AF 04(647)-481, however, numerous suggestions for amending the contract were included in his submission letter which will necessitate review by Legal to determine whether the basic Letter Contract should be rewritten or accepted as signed, and a subsequent amendment be issued to incorporate the Contractor's suggestions.

2. (U) S/A No. 52 to Contract AF 04(645)-65 was rewritten and resubmitted to the Contractor on 4 November 1959.

3. (U) S/A No. 56 to Contract AF 04(645)-65 has been written incorporating 27 CCN's into the contract and should go forward to the Contractor for execution on 9 November 1959. This S/A also deletes the technical data clause from the basic contract, since the requirements thereunder will be accomplished under Contract AF 04(647)-481.

4. (C) Contract AF 04(645)-65 - Production Status - Missiles Nos. 230 and 238 were successfully launched on 28 Oct and 3 Nov 59, respectively, at Patrick AFB. Missile No. 156 was transferred from test status at Sacramento to INST launch training at Vandenberg AFB.

(U) Modification Kits for Command Destruct Receivers

A procurement has been initiated for 115 modification kits for Command Destruct Receivers furnished by AVCO under Contract AF 04(647)-213. Modification kits will contain 115 filter assemblies for channel 2 and 115 filter assemblies for channel 5. The kits will be installed in the field by the recipients who originally received the receivers. Delivery of the modification kits by AVCO will take from 30 to 90 days.

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WEEKLY DIARY ITEMS - LBZSA

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(U) Communication Satellite Program

Letter Contract AF 04(647)-476 has not been returned from signature yet, but is expected today or tomorrow. In the meantime, we have received four (4) technical directives (in the rough draft stage) for coordination. These T-Ds delete the requirement for tracking beacon command receiver; they slip the launch schedule about five (5) months; and they add a requirement for station keeping to the satellite. We have written a CCN synopsising these four (4) T-Ds and will issue this CCN against the L/C immediately upon receipt of AFBMD coordination.

(U) Letter Contract AF 04(647)-449 Aeronutronics System - Program 609A

A tentative date for the definitization of this letter contract has been set up for 12 November 1959 provided an adequate cost analysis can be performed and a Pre-negotiation Briefing is held before this date.

(U) SR-183 Lamar Observatory - Final Evaluation

An introduction and discussion of SR-183 was held on 2 November 1959 in the auditorium of Building 2 before a group of specialists assembled to evaluate the six final reports. Those in attendance formed panels for the purpose of giving technical analysis to the problem areas common to each phase. Among those present were Rand Corporation representatives who were concerned with the formulation of a "budget" for presentation to ARDC Headquarters. However, upon examination of contractor reports, it was determined that further cost information and technical evaluation would be necessary before such a budget could be formulated.

(U) Contracts with Space Technology Laboratories, Inc.

Contract AF 04(647)-309 - SE/TD and for Air Force Ballistic Missile and Space Program

1. The "rate of application", i.e., the MTS (members of the technical staff) effort furnished each month for the Air Force ballistic missile and space program, has been increased by administrative agreement in accordance with the level-of-effort clause in the contract. The rate which was graduated from approximately 845 MTS manmonths in October 1959 to 945 MTS in June 1960 has been increased to approximately 890 in October to 1110 in June 1960. These figures represent straight time manmonths without overtime included. A total of approximately 900 additional MTS straight time manmonths must be procured as the total of 14,628 MTS now on contract will be expended the first week in June 1960. An RFP for this additional procurement will be sent to STL within the next week.

2. We are continuing to work on the Request for Proposal for the follow-on SE/TD procurement for the Air Force Ballistic Missile and Space Program (1 July 1960 through 30 June 1962), with the intent of having it to STL by 16 November 1959. In hopes of getting as complete an RFP as possible, we have requested inputs from BMC Financial Staff Branch, AFBMD, Contract Monitor for STL, AGO and the Air Force Auditor.